
WELCOME TO EDU.NET

EDU.NET is Holy Trinity's title for its adult education publications. This booklet provides the weekly schedule of classes for the coming year. A monthly newsletter by the same name is also distributed. Each issue includes an overview of the many educational opportunities available each week as well as daily Bible readings and special programs. This newsletter enables the publication of more in-depth information about each class than is possible within the space limitations of our weekly newsletter THE BEACON.

Watch for EDU.NET each month for the latest information about Holy Trinity's quality adult Christian education program.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

Book Discussion Group

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Jewish - Christian Text Study

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Parish Nurse Education Series

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pastor's Information Class

6:00 p.m.

God in Film

MONDAYS

7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Connecting with God

TUESDAYS

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Table Talk

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Fall and Winter Seminar

THURSDAYS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Discussion Group

FRIDAYS

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

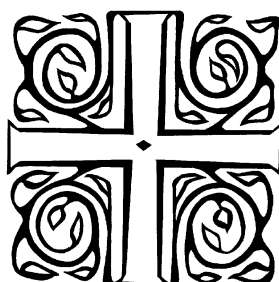
Breakfast Series

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Book Discussion Group

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SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor

IMPOSSIBILITIES

by Sheldon C. Anderson

- ❖ **September 8**
Chapters One - Eleven
- ❖ **September 15**
Chapters Twelve - Twenty
- ❖ **September 22**
Chapters Twenty-one - Thirty-two
- ❖ **September 29**
Chapters Thirty-three - Part Two

THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL

***Rejecting Christian Nationalism,
Reclaiming True Faith,
and Refounding Democracy***
by Jim Wallis

- ❖ **October 6**
FOREWORD:
The Love Battle to Save the Soul of America
Introduction: *Crossing the Color Line*
The False White Gospel
- ❖ **October 13**
Your Neighbor Doesn't Live Next Door
- ❖ **October 20**
Made In God's Image – Or Not?
Lies That Demand Our Loyalty
- ❖ **October 27**
Gifts Festival Breakfast (no class)
- ❖ **November 3**
Jesus' Final Test of Discipleship
- ❖ **November 10**
Peacemakers, Not Conflict Makers
- ❖ **November 17**
Our Community Is Not a Tribe

- ❖ **November 24**
A Remnant Church

- ❖ **December 1**
Advent Wreath Making (no class)

THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

Rediscovering a Life of Faith
by Marcus Borg

- ❖ **December 8**
The Heart of Christianity in a Time of Change
- ❖ **December 15**
Faiths: The Way of the Heart
- ❖ **December 22**
The Bible: The Heart of the Tradition
- ❖ **December 29**
Christmas Holiday (no class)
- ❖ **January 5**
God: The Heart of Reality
- ❖ **January 12**
Jesus: The Heart of God
- ❖ **January 19**
Born Again: A New Heart
- ❖ **January 26**
The Kingdom of God: The Heart of Justice
- ❖ **February 2**
Thin Places: Opening the Heart
- ❖ **February 9**
Sin and Salvation: Transforming the Heart
- ❖ **February 16**
The Heart of the Matter: Practice
- ❖ **February 23**
*Heart and Home: Being Christian
in an Age of Pluralism*

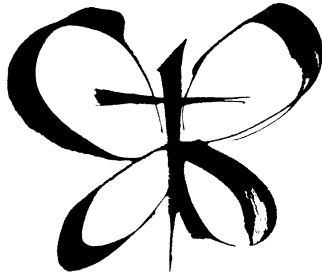
SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (continued)

CALLED ON THE WAY

The Daily Practice of Discipleship

by Kathleen A. Calahan & Laura Kelly Fanucci

- ❖ **March 2**
*Called to be Disciples in Christ
Follower*
- ❖ **March 9**
*Worshiper
Witness*
- ❖ **March 16**
*Neighbor
Forgiver*
- ❖ **March 23**
*Prophet
Steward
Conclusion*



A FAITH OF MANY ROOMS

Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity

by Debie Thomas

- ❖ **March 30**
*Introduction: Belonging
A St. Thomas Pilgrimage: Doubt*
- ❖ **April 6**
*Nowhere to Lay His Head: Leaving
Into the Wilderness: Lost*
- ❖ **April 13**
*Beyond Belief: Story
She Blows Where She Wills: Spirit*
- ❖ **April 20**
Easter Day (no class)
- ❖ **April 27**
Getting Saved: Sin
- ❖ **May 4**
*Consenting to Brokenness: Lament
Bearing God's Image: Women*
- ❖ **May 11**
Embracing the Dissonance: Paradox
- ❖ **May 18**
*Limps and Worms: Wrestling
EPILOGUE: Staying*

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

Sunday, April 6

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

**Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts
for this interfaith learning opportunity.**

PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sundays, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

January 12

HOW DO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS DEVELOP?

Speakers: Centra Health Behavioral Health Staff

Substances such as opioid medications, tranquilizers, alcohol, and nicotine change the way we feel. They elevate the mood, produce relaxation, and relieve pain. They produce these effects by acting on the brain. What are the mechanisms by which these effects occur? How does dependence on substances develop? How can our substance use behaviors, including the use of narcotic pain relievers, influence the development of substance use problems? Is development of dependence possible after even short-term use? Is it possible to develop dependence on activities as well as on substances? What effect does the stigmatization of substance use disorders have? These and other physical and psychological dependency issues will be addressed by our speakers.

February 9

ILLNESS AS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Speaker: Jenifer Massie, Director of Operations, Bright Star Care

Can the challenges of illness bring spiritual growth? Today's speaker survived a serious illness and its rigorous treatment. She discovered, within her relationship with God, abundant resources for coping, healing, and growing spiritually. As her journey progressed, she found her understanding of God's ever-present love and providential care deepening in life-changing ways. She is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and she will share with us the story of how she met God in her illness and the profound effect it has had on her life.

March 23

FINDING HUMOR AND HOPE IN AGING AND CAREGIVING

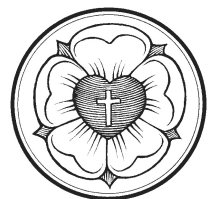
Speakers: Joseph Lugo, Director, Beard Center on Aging, University of Lynchburg
Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home; Humorist

Humor is one of God's gifts to humans. The ability to find humor in challenging and stressful situations lightens our burdens and helps us experience the abundant life that Jesus promised. Humor helps us find the hope that saves us from despair. Humor and hope help us find the unexpected gifts in aging and caregiving. Our first speaker will help us understand the benefits of humor and hope in two of life's greatest challenges. Our second speaker will give us a "practicum" by sharing his humor and making us laugh.

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASSES

Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This one-session class is designed for those who would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



September 22
November 10

January 26
March 9

May 18
July 13

GOD IN FILM

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall
light supper & theological discussion

- November 10 - *The Son*
January 5 - *The Story of the Weeping Camel*
March 2 - *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*

MONDAY EVENINGS CONNECTING WITH GOD

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., via Zoom

AN ENNEAGRAM STUDY

Learning to See Yourself as God Sees You

Father Richard Rohr teaches that God gives us our soul—our True Self—from the very start. We lose sight of that True Self as we learn not only to survive but to thrive in the world. We develop an ego which seeks to protect us from the hurt and trauma we encounter along the way. This is the necessary work of the first half of life. But too often the ego becomes a mask—a False Self which hides our soul. In the second half of life, we can learn to take off the mask, rediscover our True Self and begin to live our own unique God-given destiny. The Enneagram is a valuable tool that can help us take off the mask and learn to see ourselves—and others—as God sees us.

In the very first book of the Bible, we learn the good news that we are created in the image of God. In short order we also learn the bad news—that image has become tarnished. In our study of the Enneagram, we will come to understand that God's grace is the good news that provides a way out of the bad news.

"Before we can become who we really are, we must become conscious of the fact that the person who we think we are, here and now, is at best an impostor and a stranger."

— Thomas Merton

Discovering Your Enneagram Type

In the Fall Sessions of this class, we will consider reasons to study the Enneagram, look at ancient and modern history of the Enneagram, explore how to identify our own Enneagram Type, and uncover some of the many ways we are connected to people of other Enneagram Types.

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| ❖ September 9
<i>Why Learn the Enneagram?</i> | ❖ September 30
<i>The Centers of Intelligence:
How You Take-in or Process the World</i> |
| ❖ September 16
<i>History and Overview of the Enneagram</i> | ❖ October 7
<i>Which Center of Intelligence Sounds Most Like You?</i> |
| ❖ September 23
<i>The Diagram, The Triads, and The Wings</i> | |

MONDAY EVENINGS CONNECTING WITH GOD (cont.)

- ❖ **October 14**
Enneagram Types 8, 9, & 10
The Instinctive or Gut Triad
- ❖ **October 21**
Enneagram Types 2, 3, & 4
The Feeling or Heart Triad
- ❖ **October 28**
Enneagram Types 5, 6, & 7
The Thinking or Head Triad
- ❖ **November 4**
What Type Most Sounds Like You?
- ❖ **November 11**
The Trap of Misidentifying Your Enneagram Type
- ❖ **November 18**
Pros & Cons of Taking a Test to Identify Your Enneagram Type
- ❖ **November 25**
Picking Up the Pieces

Transformation from False Self to True Self

In the Winter Sessions of this class, we will learn what blinds us from seeing our True Self (our soul), what separates us (our sin) from God, and what makes it difficult (again, our sin) to get along with others. As the Winter Sessions lead us into Lent and toward the Spring of Resurrection, we will discover the grace that transforms us into the unique gift we are created to be.

- ❖ **January 6**
Now That You Know Your Enneagram Type...
What Next?
- ❖ **January 13**
Learning to Accept Your False Self
- ❖ **January 20**
Sin/Blinders/Obstacles to Grace:
The 7 Deadly Sins Plus 2
- ❖ **January 27**
Lust, Sloth, and Anger (Types 8, 9, & 1)
- ❖ **February 3**
Pride, Deceit, and Envy (Types 2, 3, & 4)
- ❖ **February 10**
Greed, Fear, and Gluttony (Types 5, 6, & 7)
- ❖ **February 17**
Are You Willing to Let God Be God?
- ❖ **February 24**
Gift/Sight/Pathways to Transformation
- ❖ **March 3**
Passion, Decisive Action, Surrender
(Types 8, 9, & 1)
- ❖ **March 10**
Humility, Integrity, Equanimity (Types 2, 3, & 4)
- ❖ **March 17**
Detachment, Courage, Joy (Types 5, 6, & 7)
- ❖ **March 24**
Learning to Embrace Your True Self
- ❖ **March 31**
Being the Healthiest Version of Your Type
- ❖ **April 7**
The Free Gift of God is Life

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor

THE BOOK OF RUTH

- ❖ **September 10**
Where Does Loss Push Us? (Ruth 1:1-18)
- ❖ **October 1**
Where Does Loyalty Pull Us? (Ruth 1:19– 2:23)
- ❖ **October 8**
Where Does Risk Take Us? (Ruth 3:1-18)
- ❖ **October 22**
Where Does Hope Lead Us? (Ruth 4:1-22)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

- ❖ **November 5**
Why Was Jesus Born? (Luke 2:1-20)
- ❖ **November 19**
What Will Become of This Child? (Luke 2:21-40)

- ❖ **January 7**
Let God Be God! (Luke 4:14-30)
- ❖ **January 21**
What Was Jesus Doing? (Luke 7:1-7)
- ❖ **February 4**
Why Must Jesus Die? (Luke 9:18-36)
- ❖ **February 18**
*And Grace Will Lead Me Home
(Luke 15:1-32)*
- ❖ **March 4**
*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?
(Luke 23:26-49)*
- ❖ **March 18**
*How Did Jesus' Resurrection Change the World?
(Luke 24:13-35)*

TABLE TALK

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor

SIGNS OF BELONGING

Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life

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| September 3 | - | <i>Where Is the Church? Signs on Belonging</i> |
| October 1 | - | <i>The Word: The Story Where We Belong</i> |
| November 5 | - | <i>Baptism: The Bath Where We Belong</i> |
| January 7 | - | <i>Holy Communion: The Table Where We Belong</i> |
| February 4 | - | <i>Forgiveness and Reproof of Sin: The Truth Where We Belong</i> |
| March 4 | - | <i>The Office of Ministry: The Care Where We Belong
Worship: The Song Where We Belong</i> |
| April 1 | - | <i>The Cross: The Shadow Where We Belong
Belonging Together: Community, Risk, and the Presence of Christ</i> |

FALL AND WINTER SEMINAR

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

EMBRACING THE DIVINE FLOW

Exploring Trinitarian Spirituality

with Richard Rohr

- ❖ **October 30**
A Universe Shaped by Shared Identity
Exploring the Trinity and Our Interconnectedness
- ❖ **November 6**
Praying Always: A Trinitarian Worldview
Embracing the Divine Flow in Everyday Life
- ❖ **November 13**
Prepared for Unity with God
Embracing the Trinitarian Flow in Our Lives
- ❖ **February 5**
Living In the Divine Flow of the Trinity
Embracing Our Humanity and Spirituality
- ❖ **February 12**
Trinitarian Love and the Transformed Cross
Embracing the Depth of God's Love
and Suffering

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

EVERYWHERE IS JERUSALEM

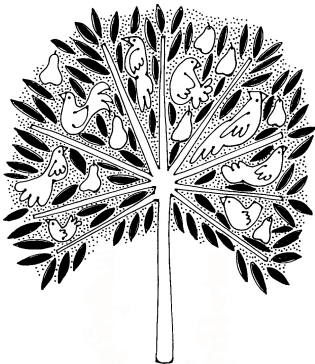
Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

- ❖ **October 3**
Everywhere Is Galilee: The Downward Call
- ❖ **October 10**
Everywhere Is the Jordan: Baptism and All the Waters
- ❖ **October 17**
Everywhere Is the Mount of Olives: Standing Up and Courage
- ❖ **October 31**
Everywhere Is Bethlehem: Prayer Walls
- ❖ **November 7**
Everywhere Is Nazareth: Finding the Way Home
- ❖ **November 14**
Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Places of Sorrow and Hope

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP (continued)

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

- ❖ **January 16**
An Invitation to Journey
- ❖ **January 23**
Taking the Bible Seriously
- ❖ **January 30**
Thinking Theologically
- ❖ **February 13**
Stories of Creation
- ❖ **February 20**
Lives of Jesus
- ❖ **February 27**
A Passion for Christ: Paul
- ❖ **March 13**
Restoring Relationships
- ❖ **March 20**
The Prophetic Jesus
- ❖ **March 27**
Evil, Suffering & A God of Love
- ❖ **April 3**
The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- ❖ **April 10**
Practicing Resurrection



SERMON DISCUSSIONS

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

September 19
October 24
November 21
January 9
February 6

March 6
May 8
June 5
July 10
August 14

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

Friday mornings

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m. Program, 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

SIGNS AND WONDERS

A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus

by Amy-Jill Levine

- ❖ **November 1**
"Take up your pallet and walk": On the Role of Caregivers (Mark 2:1-12)
- ❖ **November 8**
Stilling the Storm: Attending to Nature (Mark 4:35-41)
- ❖ **November 15**
The Feeding of the 5,000 (or More): The Centrality of Bread (Luke 9:10-17)
- ❖ **February 7**
A Bleeding Woman and a Dead Girl: The importance of Women's Bodies (Matthew 9:18-26)
- ❖ **February 14**
A Two-Stage Miracle: Seeing Again (Mark 8:22-26)
- ❖ **February 21**
The Raising of Lazarus: Taking Death Seriously (John 11:1-44)

FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

AMERICAN NATIONS

A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America

by Colin Woodward

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ September 6
INTRODUCTION
PART ONE - <i>Origins: 1590 to 1769</i>
<i>Founding El Norte</i>
<i>Founding New France</i>
<i>Founding Tidewater</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ September 13
<i>Founding Yankeedom</i>
<i>Founding New Netherland</i>
<i>The Colonies' First Revolt</i>
<i>Founding the Deep South</i>
<i>Founding the Midlands</i>
<i>Founding Greater Appalachia</i> |
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FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (cont.)

❖ September 20

PART TWO - *Unlikely Allies: 1770 to 1815*
A Common Struggle
Six Wars of Liberation
Independence or Revolution?
Nations in the North
First Secessionists

❖ September 27

PART THREE - *Wars for the West:*
1816 to 1877
Yankeeedom Spreads West
The Midlands Spread West
Appalachia Spreads West
The Deep South Spreads West
Conquering El Norte
Founding the Left Coast

❖ October 4

War for the West
 PART FOUR - *Culture Wars: 1878 to 2010*
Founding the Far West
Immigration and Identity
Gods and Missions

❖ October 11

Culture Clash
War, Empire, and the Military
The Struggle for Power I: The Blue Nations
The Struggle for Power II: The Red and the Purple
 EPILOGUE

A JOURNEY CALLED HOPE

Today's Immigrant Stories and the American Dream

by Rick Rouse

❖ October 18

Foreword
 INTRODUCTION
 PART ONE: *Immigrants and the American Dream: Past and Present*
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: A History of American Immigration

❖ October 25

The Changing Face of America: Threat or Promise?
Desolation and Restoration: The Refugee's Journey

❖ November 1

PART TWO: *In Our Own Words: Stories of Newcomers to America*
Out of Africa: Emillie's Story
Escape from Afghanistan: Nassir's Story
A Journey of Miracles: Varinia's Story
From Liberia to the Halls of Power: Wilmot's Story

❖ November 8

How to Become an Interfaith Leader and Author: Jamal's Story
Religious Refugees from Ukraine: The Kotok Story
From Escaping Death Squads to Life in America: The Martinez Family's Story
Two Refugees Realize Their Dreams: The Story of Juan and Yuni

FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (cont.)

❖ November 15

PART THREE: *The American Dream: Reclaiming the Promise*
God's Vision for Beloved Community: Our Nation as a Tapestry of Diversity

❖ November 22

APPENDICES
ELCA Resolution: A Sanctuary Church
Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)
Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (Disciples of Christ)
American Attitudes Toward Immigration (Public Religious Research Institute)

JESUS' PLAN FOR A NEW WORLD

The Sermon on the Mount

by Richard Rohr with John Feister

❖ January 3

INTRODUCTION: *How to Read the Bible*
PART ONE: *Getting Ready to Hear Jesus*
Jesus' New World Order

❖ January 10

Not Business as Usual

❖ January 17

Finding the Jesus Who Preached the Sermon
Understanding the Social Order

❖ January 24

Table Fellowship in the New Testament

❖ January 31

PART TWO: *Understanding the Sermon*
Joining Heaven and Earth
The Path of Transformation

❖ February 7

The 'Happy Attitudes,' Salt and Light

❖ February 14

Bridges and Boundaries:
Liberals and Conservatives

EPILOGUE

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

A Call for Christians to Take Evil Seriously

by John Swinton

❖ February 21

INTRODUCTION: *Deliver Us from Evil*
The Nature of Evil

❖ February 28

The Banality of Evil: The COVID-19 Pandemic

❖ March 7

The Radicality of Evil: The Rwandan Genocide

❖ March 14

Countering Evil: What Kind of People Do We
Need to Be to See and Resist Evil?

FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (cont.)

DECOLONIZING PALESTINE ***The Land, The People, The Bible*** by Mitri Raheb

❖ **March 21**

INTRODUCTION

PART I: *Settler Colonialism, Palestine, and the Bible*

Settler Colonialism

The Theopolitics of Settler Colonialism: The Case of Israel

❖ **March 28**

PART II: *Christian Zionism: The Christian Lobby Supporting Settler Colonization in Palestine*

Christian Zionism: Redefined

Christian Zionism and the British Empire

Liberal Christian Zionism and the Holocaust

Christian Zionism and the American Christian Right

Conclusion

❖ **April 4**

PART III: *The Land, the Bible, and Settler Colonialism*

The Haram versus Temple Mount

The Land Named Canaan

Palestine

Israel

The Biblical Story and Israeli Settler Colonialism

Settler Colonialism: The Blind Spot of Land Theology

Toward a Decolonial Theology of the Land

Toward a Decolonial Reading of the Bible

Conclusion

❖ **April 11**

PART IV: *Chosen People?*

Election as a Challenge for Palestinian Christians

Election in the Modern Context

Toward a New Decolonial Understanding of Election

Conclusion

EPILOGUE

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

All are encouraged to participate in an on-going program of daily Bible reading throughout the year. Daily Bible readings for use in the home are printed in our monthly adult education newsletter EDU.NET. For those desiring a more in-depth Bible study, a schedule of additional readings is available in the church office.

Daily devotional materials are available in the information racks in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Christ In Our Home is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. This resource is available in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions.